AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, ~~characterized in that the size of~~ wherein the diameter of the neutral microgranules is between 200 and 400 µm.

4. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein its hardness is between 0 and 20 daN.

5. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein its friability is between 0 and 1%.

6. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein its disintegration time is less than 15 minutes.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17 ~~7~~, ~~characterized in that it additionally comprises~~ wherein the compression excipient includes a lubricant ~~in an amount of less than 1% by mass of the tablet~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, ~~characterized in that the content of~~ wherein the lubricant is between 0.125 and 0.75% by ~~mass~~ weight of the tablet.

10. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, wherein the amount of active principle is less than 10 mg/g of the tablet.

11. (Currently Amended) A tableting premix for the preparation of ~~the~~ a tablet, ~~according to Claim 1 containing~~ said premix comprising :

(a) between 99 and 100% by ~~mass~~ weight of ~~said~~ neutral microgranules ~~containing said~~ coated with an active principle mixture,

wherein said active principle mixture consists essentially of an active principle and an optional binder, ~~is attached as a coating to~~ and said neutral microgranules consist essentially of 62.5% to 91.5% sucrose and the remainder starch ~~and is not coated with an agent intended to modify its release or to mask its taste~~, and

(b) between 0 and 1% by ~~mass~~ weight of a lubricant, and

~~which premix is intended to be subject to direct compression~~ wherein the premix is directly compressible.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition as claimed in~~ premix of claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the active principle ~~attached as a coating to~~ coated on the neutral microgranules ~~represents~~ is less than 4% by ~~mass~~ weight of the neutral microgranules.

13. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of the tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, ~~characterized in that it is obtained by~~ comprising direct compression of the composition ~~as claimed in either of claims 11 and~~ of claim 11 or 12 by employing a compression force of between 5 and 50 kN.

14. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the size of the neutral microgranules is between 200 and 600 µm.

15. (Currently Amended) The tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~content of~~ lubricant is ~~on the order of~~ about 0.25% by ~~mass~~ weight.

16. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of the tablet ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, ~~characterized in that it is obtained by~~ comprising direct compression of the composition ~~as claimed in either of claims 11 and~~ of claim 11 or 12 by employing a compression force of between 10 and 30 kN.

17. (New) A tablet consisting essentially of: neutral microgranules coated with an active principle mixture, and an excipient, wherein:

a) the neutral microgranules consist essentially of 62.5% to 91.5% sucrose with the remainder starch, are spherical of uniform diameter between 100 and 2000 μm, and are directly compressible;

b) the coating of active principle mixture consists essentially of an active principle and an optional binder such that the active principle is less than 40 mg/g of the tablet; and

c) the excipient is a compression excipient at less than 1% by weight of the tablet.

18. (New) A tablet consisting essentially of: neutral microgranules coated with an active principle mixture, an excipient, and a film coating, wherein:

a) the neutral microgranules consist essentially of 62.5% to 91.5% sucrose with the remainder starch, are spherical of uniform diameter between 100 and 2000 μm, and are directly compressible;

b) the coating of active principle mixture consists essentially of an active principle and an optional binder such that the active principle is less than 40 mg/g of the tablet;

c) the excipient is a compression excipient at less than 1% by weight of the tablet; and

d) the film coating on the tablet restricts exposure of the active principle to light, moisture or oxygen; or modifies release of the active principle; or modifies the color or appearance of the tablet; or any combination thereof.